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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to Law Day; creating s. 683.22,
F.S.; designating "Law Day" and "Law Week";
providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, Law Day USA was established by United States
Presidential Proclamation in 1958 and reaffirmed by a Joint
Resolution of Congress in 1961, and

WHEREAS, Law Day in Florida has been declared by
proclamation by the state's Governors since that time, and

WHEREAS, many voluntary bar associations in Florida
traditionally have chosen to observe Law Day by a week of
activities and events providing services and education to the
general public, and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, and Florida in
particular, have been the citadels of individual liberty and
beacons of hope and opportunity to many millions who have
sought our shores, and

WHEREAS, the wellspring of individual freedom and
liberty is the body of law that governs us, and

WHEREAS, the Constitutions of the United States and of
Florida are the heart of that body of law that guarantees our
many freedoms -- including freedom of religious belief,
freedom to have and hold property inviolate, freedom of
assembly, freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of
petition, and due process of law, among others, and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 40th annual nationwide
observance of "Law Day," NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

1 Section 1. Section 683.22, Florida Statutes, is
2 created to read:
3 683.22 Law Day and Law Week.--
4 (1) May 1 of each year is designated as "Law Day," and
5 the week starting with the Sunday preceding May 1 is
6 proclaimed "Law Week" in Florida. If May 1 falls on a Sunday,
7 Law Week begins on that day. During the week, all residents,
8 schools, businesses, and clubs and the mass media are invited
9 to commemorate the role of law in our lives. The theme to be
10 celebrated will be determined by the Supreme Court of Florida
11 and publicized and supported by the lawyers of Florida through
12 The Florida Bar.
13 (2) The Governor may issue annually a proclamation
14 celebrating these events, with a theme to be determined by the
15 Supreme Court of Florida and supported by the lawyers of
16 Florida through The Florida Bar.
17 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
18 law.

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21 HOUSE SUMMARY

22 Designates "Law Day" and "Law Week."
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